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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the following **utility patent application which claims priority to U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION 60/127,124, filed 3/31/99.**

Applicant(s)	YONG HO SON and MICHAEL ROBERT COLLIGAN
Title of application	METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING PROCESS INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A HETEROGENEOUS INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Pages of specification:	(22 including 3 pages of claims and 1 page abstract)
Sheets of drawings:	3
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- Verified Statement claiming small entity status;
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- A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ patent application or inventor's certificate, filed \_\_\_\_\_ and serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, upon which a claim to priority is made;
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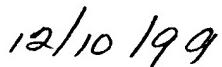
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